

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 3-9 have been amended as follows:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original): An Urushi lacquer comprising:

a naturally occurring raw Urushi or a refined Urushi; and  
metal colloid particles.

Claim 2 (original): The Urushi lacquer according to Claim 1, wherein it is a mixture of the refined Urushi and precious metal colloid particles, and has an average water droplet particle size of 0.1 to 3  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 3 (currently amended): The Urushi lacquer according to ~~either Claim 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the refined Urushi is an oil-free translucent Suki Urushi or an oil-containing translucent Suki Urushi.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The Urushi lacquer according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the metal colloid particles are precious metal colloid particles selected from the group consisting of gold colloid particles, silver colloid particles, and platinum group colloid particles.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The Urushi lacquer according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1, wherein the metal colloid particles are gold colloid particles or silver colloid particles.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The Urushi lacquer according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the metal colloid particles are dispersed and stabilized by a pigment dispersion stabilizer.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The Urushi lacquer according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, wherein the pH of the lacquer is adjusted to 4 to 5 by the addition of an organic acid.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The Urushi lacquer according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, wherein an alkoxysilane is added.

Claim 9 (currently amended): An Urushi lacquered article coated with the Urushi lacquer according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 8~~ Claim 1.

Claim 10 (original): The Urushi lacquered article according to Claim 9, wherein it is a wooden product or a glass product.